



# Laser Masters Gulf Coast Championship

US Sailing Center of Martin County, Jensen Beach FL • November 4-5, 2017

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the US Sailing Center of Martin County.
- 1.3 Unless a minimum of 15 Radial entries have been received by October 28, 2017, all entrants shall start and finish together as a single fleet. Competitors may choose Standard, Radial, or 4.7 rigs at their discretion, provided all sail changes are made ashore and all sails have the same number (Rig Swapping Rule On). If 15 or more Radial entries have been received by October 28, 2017, the Radial Fleet shall be given a separate start and shall be scored separately from the Standard Rig Fleet (Rig Swapping Rule Off). This changes ILCA rule 27(d) by permission from the International Laser Class Association of North America.
- 1.4 The organizing authority may issue colored bands to be applied to the mast.
- 1.5 All hails will use the last four digits of the sail number.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 Members of the ILCA who have reached the age of 35 by the first day of the regatta may enter.
- 2.2 Proof of ILCA membership is required at Registration, and ILCA membership forms will be available.
- 2.3 Entries may be made online at [Regatta Network: Laser Masters Gulf Coast Championship](#) or at [www.usscmc.org](http://www.usscmc.org) under Upcoming Regattas.

### 3. Fees

- 3.1 Registration and entry fees must be received at USSCMC no later than Wednesday, 01 November 2017. The entry fee is \$80/boat.
- 3.2 All registrations received from 29 October to 04 November 2017 will be charged an additional \$25 late fee.
- 3.3 Entry fee includes continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning, snacks while sailing, Saturday evening beer and dinner, and awards Sunday after sailing.

### 4. Schedule of Races

*Friday, 03 November* 1000 Sailing Center open for practice

*Saturday, 4 November* 0800 - 1000 Registration 1030 Skippers Meeting 1130 First warning signal – subsequent races to follow

*Cook out to follow racing & de-rigging*

*Sunday, 5 November* 1030 First warning signal – subsequent races to follow 1500 No warning signal after 1500 Awards to follow after last race

There will be a maximum of 4 races per day.

## **5. Inspection and Measurement**

5.1 Boats, gear, and sails may be inspected at any time for conformance to Class Rules.

5.2 Sails must display the full 5 or 6 digit numbers in accordance with the Class Rules, and must have the builder button.

## **6. Sailing Instructions**

The sailing instructions will be available no later than at on-site registration.

## **7. Courses**

Course will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

## **8. Scoring**

8.1 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

8.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. A boat may exclude her worst score after 5 races have been completed.

8.3 Eight races are scheduled.

8.4 When two or more competitors are tied on points, the tie shall be broken as follows: • Within an age division, a tie should be broken as described in RRS Appendix A, Section A8. • Across the age divisions, a tie should be broken in favor of the sailor from the older division.

8.5 The NA Masters handicap system will be used to score the overall series. For each race: Apprentices - add 3 points - Masters - add 2 points - Grand Masters - add 1 point - Great Grand Masters - add 0.

## **9. Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each division, overall winner, and top female. The number of prizes for each division will be based on number of entries and will be at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## **10. Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **11. Boat Charters**

11.1 The Tackle Shack. Andy Le Vine [andy@tackleshack.com](mailto:andy@tackleshack.com)

11.2 Charter boats are available online directly with Laser Performance  
<http://shopna.laserperformance.com/charters/>

## **12. Local Accommodations**

Please consider supporting those who support the USSCMC. The following hotels are support our Regatta Season and are offering special Regatta Rates...

Holiday Inn - Port St. Lucie 772-337-2200 or 800-459-5044

Courtyard Marriott Oceanside Hutchinson Island 772-229-1000 or 877-905-4501

## **13. Further Information**

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